



# Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE) What You Should Know



## What is an Illicit Discharge?

Illicit Discharge can be any activity that results in a discharge to the Town of Easton's stormwater system or receiving waters that is not composed entirely of stormwater

### What To Look For

- Trash, litter, Garbage, Rubbish
- Paint
- Pet waste
- Yard waste
- Industrial waste
- Radiator flushing
- Laundry wastewater
- Sanitary wastewater
- Commercial car wash water
- Petroleum products
- Auto or household chemicals and toxins

## What is the Town of Easton doing to help?

We are monitoring all outfalls and responding to citizen reports. The Town conducts an investigation to look for illicit discharges, identify what the illegal pollutant is, track the pollutant to its source, and determine how to eliminate the pollutant and prevent it from reoccurring.

Illicit discharges are most commonly found entering the stormwater or receiving waters through these three ways:

1. Directly - connections from sources such as wastewater pipes.
2. Indirectly - from infiltration such as cracked sanitary pipes or spills and sheet flow.
3. Improper disposal of waste that is dumped or littered

Illicit discharge results in untreated discharges that contain pollutants such as oil, heavy metals, bacteria, and excess nutrients from fertilizer. This can harm our water quality, wildlife, and human health.

## Why are IDDE Efforts necessary

The Town of Easton is required under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to find and eliminate these problems to comply with the federal Clean Water Act. We care about the health our environment and citizens and you should too!

### Allowable Discharge

- Water line flushing
- Emergency fire fighting
- Irrigation water
- Lawn watering
- Uncontaminated groundwater
- Residential vehicle washing
- Dechlorinated swimming pool discharge
- Drainage of municipal water storage tanks

Report illicit discharges to:  
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